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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005. The shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on April 24, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a 3-month extension of time, which extends the period for response to July 25, 2005 (July 24th being a Sunday).

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.